



**U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Andrew K. Everson**

### **Engineering Aid**

U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Andrew K. Everson was born in Gainesville, Fla., December 29, 1983. He grew up in the small towns of Highlands, N.C., (in the Appalachian Mountains) and Anthony, Fla., where he graduated from North Marion High School.

Immediately following graduation Everson began his journey in the U.S. Navy at Naval Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., July 2, 2002. After graduating from boot camp, Everson continued his training at Naval Construction Training Center, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in Engineering Aid “A” school. Graduating with honors, he left Fort Leonard Wood for Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7, Gulfport, Miss.

Within 2 months of arriving at the battalion, Everson deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While in Kuwait, he worked in several camps on tasks ranging from surveying and drafting, to communications and general carpentry.

In 2004, Everson deployed to Guam where he became the lead Engineering Aid for a road construction project. When the Tsunami struck South East Asia Dec 26, he deployed with the air detachment to Sri Lanka in support of Operation Unified Assistance to work as the detachment’s public affairs representative.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Everson deployed to Jackson County, Miss., where he supported efforts in clearing damaged property and helped to make schools and other public facilities safe for use.

Shortly after, Everson was assigned as the lead engineering aid for a detachment deployed to Djibouti, in the Horn of Africa. While there he supported numerous construction projects which earned him grateful thanks from the U.S. ambassador to Djibouti, the Chief of Civil Engineers, and the U.S. Commander aboard the installation.

Everson is currently in homeport in Gulfport, Miss.